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Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall ranged steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to very good over the holiday weekend; however, areas experiencing storms and lingering transport problems had light to fair movement. Supplies were sufficient to closely cleared with smaller sizes often in the tighter position. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good. Breast items were in good balance to tight, dark meat was adequate, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but generally desirable weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/31/04-06/04/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	83.00-84.00	84.15	20	78.46	48
Chicago	78.00-81.00	79.76	40	81.75	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	82.21	24
Denver	82.50	82.50	14	83.51	17
Detroit	79.00-82.00	81.59	17	82.48	53
Los Angeles	83.00	83.00	65	85.24	129
New York	81.00-84.00	82.76	25	78.98	60
Philadelphia	81.00-83.00	82.38	13	81.92	24
Pittsburgh	82.00-84.00	83.23	13	81.73	52
St. Louis	79.50-79.75	79.39	18	80.24	40
San Francisco	83.50	84.27	32	83.03	77

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/31/04	Change/Last Wk	05/24/04	06/02/03
595	81.84	0.07	81.77	61.36

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	84.00-85.50	85.40	31
Central	83.00-91.00	84.80	72
West	89.00-93.00	89.80	40

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	77.00-79.00	78.88	87
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,112	74.50-80.50	77.93

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	256.50	1,472
BREASTS - B/S	257.00	5,546
BREASTS - WHOLE	135.50	1,968
THIGH MEAT - B/S	122.50	1,044
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	8,132
WINGS	118.50	3,018

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate for early week business. Offerings were usually reported as sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate at most locations. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were clearing to in good balance. Leg items were adequate and wings were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand over the weekend was fair to good with most assessing needs and refilling pipelines. Supplies were in balance to closely cleared with most plants down yesterday for Memorial Day. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Supplies were in good balance to available, closest for breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week's levels. The market tone was firm with trade sentiment noted as fully steady overall. Trading reported at generally higher prices for this week's deliveries. Offerings were adequate to cover current needs. Buying activity was moderate as interest centered on replenishing stock. Retailer demand was moderate with best interest noted for planned feature activities. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was mixed on parts with breast firm, wings weak and balance of parts about steady. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 39-42 and 4/10s 42-48, boneless leg meat 101-104, wings 101-104, bone-in breast 138-151 and boneless 245-251. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 92.21 down .05 with the volume reported at 28 loads up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged into Detroit and Chicago areas, slightly higher into the St. Louis area from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offerings were light to short of full trade needs. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good for the most part. Weekend storms and transport issues dampened weekend movement in some areas, most notably in Wisconsin and Illinois. Floor stocks were adequate to short; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of all white meat cuts very limited except wings, dark meat adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast cuts, drums and thighs, steady on leg quarters and barely steady on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for fill-in needs. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared and were generally in the tighter balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were available. Leg cuts were adequate and in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	79-98
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	84.90
NO. OF BOXES	9,838

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was fairly good following the holiday weekend. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were tight and bone-in breast were closely cleared. Tenders were irregular. Dark meat items ranged adequate to balanced. Wings were usually sufficient, but reported as steady. Retail and distributive draw was at least moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	LBS	
BREAST - B/S	250-255	249.31	631,912
TENDERLOINS	225	221.42	118,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	132-133	138.57	219,980
BREAST - LINE RUN	132	135.10	81,320
LEGS	53-54	53.03	250,201
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.85	593,480
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	47.22	179,260
THIGHS	45-46	56.17	72,260
B/S THIGHS	116-117	118.34	92,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.65	154,740
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.55	42,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.38	17,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.47	30,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,790	235.00-275.00	240-247	245.69
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,105	34.00-36.50	35-36	35.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,818	36.00-38.00	37-38	37.23
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,029	26.00-43.00	42-43	42.67

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	06/01	05/28	05/28	05/25	05/21
ALA	4,074	4,787	4.95	3,731	5.22
ARK	5,490	5,616	4.63	5,447	4.87
DELMARVA	2,271	2,651	5.42	2,197	5.52
KY-LA-TN	2,043	2,763	4.69	2,004	4.85
MISS	3,042	3,326	5.45	3,037	5.41
NC	2,451	2,983	6.28	2,433	6.20
TEXAS	2,460	2,480	5.10	2,499	5.00
TOTAL	21,831	24,606	5.14	21,348	5.26
MON-TUE	30,898(A)			43,124(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Jun 2004 is estimated to be 32,662,000 up 1.96 percent from a week ago. and up 6.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,035,000 last year 30,763,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	859	248.00-328.00	249-250	251.09
TENDERLOINS	163	220.00-280.00	223-225	232.96
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	132.00-137.00	132-135	134.71
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	66	51.00-60.00	51-52	51.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	33.00-38.00	37	36.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	840	37.00-42.00	39	38.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	120	94.00-104.00	-	99.21
WINGS (CUT)	403	110.00-119.00	117-119	116.80
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUN 01, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
76.00 - 82.00	80.39

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAY-31-JUN-04-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	242.00- 261.00	244.00- 254.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	129.00- 150.00	132.00- 137.00
LEGS	51.00-61.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00-41.00	37.00
DRUMSTICKS	40.00-52.00	-
THIGHS	35.00-54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	94.00- 111.00	103.00- 106.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00-20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00-40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00-50.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	96.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	100-104
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	

RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108-116
ICE PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-110
ICE PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	93
ICE PACK	93-95
DRY PACK	162-185
DUCKS	

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

28-MAY-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	16.00	1,040,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.91	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	12.50-17.50	2,688,000	728,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	14.47		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were less than normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.5	9.25-10.25	9.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

28-MAY-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.50-16.00	2,762,400	1,459,200
WTD AVERAGE	15.97	13.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12.75	9.75-10.75	10.03

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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